CALFED Management Team Meeting Friday, April 25, 1997

Summary of Meeting and Actions

Spring Export Reduction Plan

A letter co-signed by Michael Mantell and Patrick Wright outlining a decision for addressing the spring export reduction plan was distributed. Management Team members acknowledged that the current process to reach a decision is not adequate and that a new process is needed. The State and Interior solicitors are working together to develop a process.

• A CALFED Ops Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 to relay the decision.

Flood Management Issues

Some of the non-structural alternatives identified by the Interagency Task Force may extend beyond the November 1, 1997 deadline and may be evaluated as part of the long-term program. A more concentrated effort is needed by agencies involved to review and initiate these projects. The Interagency Task Force will meet again on May 6 to identify potential leads for projects where immediate opportunities exist and CALFED will provide input relative to long-term needs.

• As a result of the Interagency Task Force May 6 meeting, a list of all projects, their leads, cost, and ability to implemented will be presented to the CALFED Policy Group on May 13.

Cost Share Agreement

• A draft of the cost share agreement has been prepared. The cost-share group will provide an update at the next CALFED Policy Group meeting.

December Accord Extension

• A draft letter describing the December Accord will be prepared prior to the May 13, CALFED Policy Group meeting.

CVPIA B(2) Issue

A decision on the CVPIA B(2) water is needed as soon as possible. The Department of Interior has committed to developing the allocation by the end of May.

Assurances

Further definition is needed in the development of a programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan. A matrix was distributed which provided a framework for displaying information that is necessary to develop an HCP.

CALFED Issues

A more detailed summary of issues has been developed by the ClubFED agencies and will be provided over the next several weeks for discussion at the next CALFED Policy Group meeting.

Issue Resolution Process

The proposed role of the Program Coordination Team is to frame and sort issues to separate the critical from non-critical issues.

- A list of the members on PCT will be sent to the Management Team members.
- An ad hoc meeting will be set up to address the transfers issue.

Ecosystem Restoration

• A list of members on the proposed ERPP Scientific Review Panel and the proposed questions for the scientific panel will be provided to the CALFED Policy Group prior to the May 13 Policy Group meeting.

Ecosystem Roundtable

A package soliciting funding proposals (RFP) for near-term ecosystem restoration projects will be discussed and approved on May 13. CALFED Management Team members agreed that the selection criteria are generally adequate.

 Martha Davis will be added to the Ecosystem Roundtable by way of a letter from Mike Madigan.

BDAC Replacement

 BDAC member Michael McDonald, General Manager of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), will be replaced by Roger Fontes, Assistant General Manager of the NCPA.

State Spring-Run Salmon Listing

The Fish and Game Commission announced its decision not to appeal the San Francisco Superior

Court's decision to make spring-run chinook salmon a candidate species in August. The listing has no immediate effect.

Delta Wetlands

There will be a hearing on July 8 and written testimony will be required in advance of the hearing. Primary issues will be water rights and water quality.

Fish Screen Criteria

NMFS and CDFG have revised their fish screen criteria for consistency and flexibility. The criteria provided site specific applicability and should already have addressed the splittail listing. Future drafts of "Interagency Process for Fish Screen Project Designs in California" will include the section that outlines streamline permitting opportunities.